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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DOI: 28 February, 5 Marcy 1957

RE: @ FRIESEN

Two interesting notes about @ FRIESEN which deserve to be made a matter of record:

1. Upon receipt of a cable in Berlin from POB indicating UTILITY's wish that @ FRIESEN be under our protection 24 hours a day for the duration of his stay in Berlin, [] suggested that I try to find the UPSWINGER. Earlier in the day, @ FRIESEN had told me that he intended to go to a movie at 1830. About 2030, I called his hotel (the ROXY, on Kurfuerstendamm - according to @ FRIESEN, an old "ND Lokal" from wartime). The Portier acknowledged that Herr SANDERS had checked in, but said that he was not in his room at the moment. I kept on trying - personally and by phone for the rest of the evening. I was at the hotel twice, once about 2200 and again about 0100; both times, the Portier said that @ FRIESEN had not returned. The last time, I walked up and down Ku'damm for the better part of an hour, but no laddie. I had left a message at the desk where @ FRIESEN could get hold of me if he came in. I finally gave up at about 0400, deciding that the waiting wasn't worth the pudding. Called @ FRIESEN the next morning at 0800. He was surprised to hear that I was in the same hotel; we breakfasted together. @ FRIESEN's rather flimsy excuse was that he had gone to an 1830 movie, then had something to eat and a drink, and then had gone to a 2230 show. To back himself up, he exhibited two movie tickets. The flaw was, however, that the stub was torn off only one. I don't believe that @ FRIESEN was involved in business. If so, there would have been no reason to create such an elaborate alibi. (I didn't, however, comment on his absence to his face.)

2. Secondly, while we were having lunch at a downtown restaurant, @ FRIESEN mentioned the fact that he and his wife were entertaining an old family friend during his week's leave. The friend - a woman who is married to a businessman of some sort - lives in Dresden. While I didn't comment on this visit, and while @ FRIESEN didn't seem to think anything of it, it does seem possibly strange that an UPSWING case officer would entertain a DDR resident - regardless of longtime friendship --in his home over an extended period.

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